

## For the Children.

## Child Ministry.

"And a little child shall lead them."  
O, the sweetness of the word!  
In the grand, millennial glory,  
Ere the coming of the Lord.

Little children shall be helpers,  
Sharers too, in all the joy;  
Gracious words their lips shall utter,  
Gracious deeds their hands employ.

In those latter days of splendor,  
As of old in Galilee,  
Christ, the Lord, will welcome children,  
Love's sweet ministers to be.

Can we antedate God's promise?  
May the children not aid now?  
Aid to save poor heathen children,  
Who to idols vainly bow?

May they not, in Christly spirit,  
Raise the fallen, cheer the sad,  
Into homes neglected, lonely,  
Bearing gospel tidings glad?

Work there is for old disciples,  
"Feed my lambs," Christ says to them;  
But the little ones he'll cherish,  
Childish love he'll never condemn.

Welcome, then, dear little workers,  
Bringing Christ your youth's rich dew;  
If, till death, you're true and faithful,  
Crowns unfading wait for you.—SEL.

## The Ten Plagues.

In the time of Pharaoh's reign in Egypt, God sent severe plagues upon the Egyptians in Punishment of his (Pharaoh's) disobedience. He hardened his heart against the command of God, and held the Israelites in bondage. God sent Moses and Aaron to tell him that he (God) would severely punish him; but he still refused to hear the Lord. He declared to Moses and Aaron that he "knew not the Lord, neither would he let Israel go." So the Lord sent severe plagues, being ten in number, upon the Egyptians, in order that he might cause Pharaoh to repent, and set Israel free. The Israelites were Hebrew people whom the Lord loved, and Pharaoh held them in bondage; so the Lord wished him to set them free. The first plague was, the waters of all Egypt turned into blood by Moses smiting the waters with a rod, as the Lord had directed him. This plague continued seven days. Exodus 7:25. The Egyptians made great efforts to obtain water wherewith to slake their thirst; but the Lord had not left so much as a pond or pool that he had not turned into blood.

The second was, that the land was covered with frogs. Exodus 8:2. Pharaoh promised to let Israel go, if God would remove the plague. But instead of fulfilling his promise, he hardened his heart the more, so that God sent the third plague. And now, how many of you can tell the name of this plague? Well, methinks I hear quite a number of you respond the Lord caused the "dust of the land to turn into lice." So he did. Pharaoh still refused to hear, although the magicians told him that his last plague "is the finger of God." Ex. 8:19. So for the hardness of his heart, God sent a still more grievous torment in the shape of a great swarm of flies. Ex. 8:21. But God withheld his plague of flies from the land of Goshen, that part of Egypt where his people, the Israelites, dwelt. Pharaoh requested Moses to pray to the Lord to

remove the flies from the land. So Moses prayed to the Lord, and He removed the flies by Pharaoh's promising to now let Israel go free. But he again deceived the Lord so that a fifth plague visited the land, and all the cattle, sheep and horses &c., of all Egypt died; "but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one." Ex. 9:6. The sixth plague was that they were affected with "boils and blains." Ex. 9:9. Still Pharaoh refused to hear the Lord. The seventh plague was a severe hailstorm, mingled with fire, or rather "the fire ran along upon the ground, and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt." Ex. 9:23. This hailstorm destroyed all the cattle that were left in the field, and all the trees and shrubs of the land. At this plague Pharaoh acknowledged that he had sinned. "I have sinned this time; the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked." Ex. 9:27. He requested that not any more plagues be sent upon them; yet he again hardened his heart so that God sent the eighth plague, which was a great "swarm of locusts that covered the land. Ex. 10:12. The zenith was thick darkness, that might be felt, which lasted three days. Ex. 10:22. But the Lord gave light to the children of Israel the three days by lighting up their dwellings.

The last and most dreadful plague was that the Lord slew all the first-born of all the Egyptians throughout the land. So that "there was not a house where there was not one dead. Ex. 12:30. Pharaoh was very wicked and disobeyed God so that these ten dreadful plagues were sent upon him and his Egyptian band to cause him to repent; but he still hardened his heart toward God and his people; so what became of him? See how many of you can tell. I trust none of our little readers will be like Pharaoh, but try and be meek, humble, and obedient like Moses, and obey the commands of God as he did so that you may also be permitted to ascend Pisgah's height and view the promised land, and not only view it, but also enter therein. I hope you will all study the above lesson well as I have given you the references as I went along, and if you have any questions to ask about our lesson please ask them and I will try and answer.

Affectionately your friend.

AUNT EMMA.

## Our Letter-Box.

DEAR EDITOR: With much respect and pleasure I will try and write a few lines for the EVANGELIST; as I often thought I would, but felt somewhat timid to undertake it; but as I found my name among some of my Sabbath school scholars' names, and as I am about the largest one of the draft. I will make a beginning, perhaps the rest will follow. We are going to or-

ganize our Sabbath school May 17th. Hope it may be a successful one to all who are interested in it. Little girls and boys, let us be ready to ask some little girl or boy to go with us to Sabbath school, and learn of Jesus' ways while our hearts are young and tender. Let us be kind to one and all, both old and young. Let us always be ready to lend a helping hand to one another, and scatter seeds of kindness and of love. I love to go to Sabbath school, and meet my teacher there. I will close for this time hope I may see the names of the others that Bro. Mallott has drafted.

ETTA CRUNKILTON.

North Liberty, Ohio, May 14th.

DEAR LOTTIE: It has been a long time since I wrote to the Youth's Department. So I will try and write again. I love to read the little letters from the children. I will be ten years old in July. We have had a very long and cold winter; but now it looks as if we were going to have a few days spring. I go to school every day. Miss Kissandra Garber is my teacher. Our school will close the 28th of May; there are 19 scholars. Papa and mamma are going to church. I thought I would stay at home and write this letter. The grass looks nice and green and pretty soon the trees will put out their nice green foliage, then the birds will begin building their nests.

I think there are enough little children to fill up this column, if they would all write.

Yours in love.

EMILY BLACK.

Auburn, Ill., April 20th.

DEAR LOTTIE: I will try and write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I am a little girl nine years of age. I go to school; I study Arithmetic, Geography, Reading and Writing. I live with my grandpa and grandma, have since I was six months old; my papa died and left one little sister and I and mamma all alone. I am going to Sabbath school next Sunday, and to preaching. Bro. Mallott is away and we miss him very much; and will be glad to see him when he comes back. We expect to have a preacher from Ashland to preach for us, and will be glad to hear him. Lottie I remember when you was to our church; you read an essay, "What shall the harvest be." I shall never forget it. Just as we sow, so shall we reap. I must close for this time; hope you will answer my letter.

JESSIE CRUNKILTON.

North Liberty, Ohio.

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